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Mr. HARRIS (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BYRD of West Virginia, Mr. FULBRIGHT, Mr. GRUENING, Mr. HART, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. KUCHEL, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. MCGEE, Mr. MANSFIELD, Mr. MONDALE, Mr. MONRONEY, Mr. MUSKIE, Mr. NELSON, Mr. TYDINGS, and Mr. YARBOROUGH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of the National Foundation for the Social Sciences in order to promote research and scholarship in such sciences.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That this Act may be cited as the "National Foundation for
- 4 the Social Sciences Act of 1966".

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

6 SEC. 2. The Congress hereby finds and declares—

- 7 (1) that the encouragement and support of research

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1 in the social sciences is an appropriate matter of concern
2 to the Federal Government;

3 (2) that democracy demands knowledge and in-
4 sight into the problems that man and nations face in
5 interacting one with the other;

6 (3) that it is necessary and appropriate for the
7 Federal Government to support, complement, assist, and
8 add to programs for the advancement of the development
9 of research capability and basic knowledge in the social
10 sciences as a means to increase understanding of our
11 society, and the societies of other nations of the world;

12 (4) that it is necessary and appropriate for the
13 Federal Government to support, complement, and assist
14 the accomplishment of social science research which is
15 entirely separate from the operating departments and
16 agencies of the United States Government;

17 (5) that it is necessary and appropriate for the
18 Federal Government to help sustain among social scien-
19 tists a climate encouraging freedom of thought, imagina-
20 tion, and inquiry based on the democratic belief that the
21 long-range interests of our Nation will best be served by
22 a free and independent academic community;

23 (6) That leadership cannot rest solely upon supe-
24 rior power, wealth, or technology, but must be solidly

1 founded upon our Nation's ability to maintain leader-
2 ship in the realm of knowledge and ideas; and

3 (7) that in order to implement these findings, it is
4 desirable to establish a National Foundation for the
5 Social Sciences as an independent agency of the Govern-
6 ment for the purpose of promoting research and scholar-
7 ship in the social sciences.

8 DEFINITION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

9 SEC. 3. As used in this Act, the term "social sciences"
10 includes political science, economics, psychology, sociology,
11 anthropology, history, law, social statistics, demography,
12 geography, linguistics, communication, international rela-
13 tions, and other social sciences.

14 ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUNDATION

15 SEC. 4. (a) There is hereby established an independent
16 agency to be known as the National Foundation for the
17 Social Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the "Founda-
18 tion").

19 (b) The Foundation shall be subject to the supervision
20 and direction of a Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred
21 to as the "Board"), which shall consist of twenty-four mem-
22 bers, to be appointed by the President, by and with the ad-
23 vice and consent of the Senate, and from among these in-
24 dividuals of the American public who are widely recognized

1 for their knowledge of, or experience in, the social sciences
2 or related public affairs, and who, collectively, will provide
3 an appropriate balance of representation among such sci-
4 ences. In making such appointments, the President is re-
5 quested to give due consideration to the recommendations
6 for nomination submitted to him by professional organiza-
7 tions or other qualified sources in such sciences.

8 (c) The term of office of each trustee of the Founda-
9 tion shall be four years; except that the terms of one-
10 fourth of the trustees first taking office after the enactment
11 of this Act shall expire, as designated by the President at
12 the time of appointment, at the end of each of the first four
13 years. A trustee may not be eligible to serve more than
14 two consecutive terms, but shall be eligible after a lapse
15 of four years from the end of his second term. A vacancy
16 shall be filled only for the unexpired portion of any term.
17 The members of the Board shall receive compensation at
18 the rate of \$100 per diem while engaged in the business of
19 the Foundation, pursuant to authorization of the Foundation,
20 and shall be allowed travel expenses as authorized in section
21 5703 of title V, United States Code.

22 (d) The President shall call the first meeting of the
23 trustees of the Foundation, at which the first order of busi-
24 ness shall be the election of a chairman and a vice-chairman,
25 who shall serve until one year after the date of enactment

1 of this Act. Thereafter, each chairman and vice-chairman
2 shall be elected for a term of two years in duration. The
3 vice-chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman in
4 his absence. In case a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship
5 or vice-chairmanship, the Foundation shall elect an individ-
6 ual from among the trustees to fill such vacancy.

7 (e) The Board shall meet at least once every six
8 months and at such other times the chairman may deter-
9 mine, but he should also call a meeting at the written re-
10 quest of at least one-third of the members of the Board.

11 (f) Each member of the Board shall be given notice,
12 by registered mail, certified mail, or telegram to his last
13 known address of record, not less than fifteen days prior to
14 any meeting, of the call of such meeting.

15 DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR

16 SEC. 5. (a) There shall be a Director and a Deputy
17 Director for the Foundation, who shall each be appointed
18 by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the
19 Senate. In such appointments, the President is requested
20 to give due consideration to any recommendations submitted
21 to him by the Board. The Director shall serve, as well, as
22 an ex-officio, voting trustee of the Foundation. In addition,
23 he shall be the chief executive officer of the Foundation.
24 The Director shall receive compensation at the rate provided

1 for level II of the Federal Executive Salary Schedule, and
2 the Deputy Director shall receive compensation at the rate
3 provided for level III of such Schedule. Each shall serve
4 for a term of six years, unless previously removed by the
5 President. The Deputy Director shall perform such func-
6 tions as the Director, with the approval of the Foundation,
7 may prescribe, and be acting Director during the absence or
8 disability of the Director, or in the event of a vacancy in the
9 office of the Director.

10 (b) The Director shall carry out the programs and
11 policies of the Foundation, and such other functions as the
12 Foundation may delegate to him, consistent with the pro-
13 visions of this Act.

14 AUTHORITY OF THE FOUNDATION

15 SEC. 6. The Foundation is authorized to—

16 (1) develop and encourage the pursuit of a na-
17 tional policy for the promotion of programs of research
18 and scholarship in the social sciences;

19 (2) initiate and support research and programs to
20 strengthen the research potential of the United States
21 in the social sciences, and to promote such research in
22 foreign countries, by making arrangements (including
23 grants, loans, or other forms of assistance) with individ-
24 uals or groups, including other government or inter-
25 national agencies for such purposes;

1 (3) in making grants or other arrangements for
2 scientific research, to utilize appropriations available
3 therefor in such manner as well, in its discretion, best
4 realize the objectives of (a) strengthening the research
5 staff of such organization, particularly institutions of
6 higher learning in the States, territories, and possessions
7 and the District of Columbia; (b) aiding institutions of
8 higher learning or nonprofit research organizations and
9 foundations, which, if aided, will advance basic research;
10 (c) encouraging social science research by individuals,
11 university faculties, interdisciplinary teams of re-
12 searchers, nonprofit and foundation researchers, and (d)
13 to avoid the concentration of research grants in any one
14 State or geographic region; and

15 (4) foster the interchange of information in the
16 social sciences by disseminating the results of research
17 projects in such sciences not otherwise published, pro-
18 viding at least annually a listing and description of all
19 projects which are receiving assistance from the
20 Foundation, and maintaining a current register of social
21 scientists.

22 CORRELATION OF PROGRAMS

23 SEC. 7. (a) The Foundation shall correlate programs
24 carried out pursuant to this Act, insofar as practicable, with
25 existing Federal programs and with programs being carried

1 out by other public agencies or private groups and shall
2 develop the programs carried out pursuant to this Act, with
3 due regard to the national interest and the contribution to
4 the purposes of this Act, which can be made by other Federal
5 agencies under existing programs.

6 (b) At the request of any department or agency of
7 the Government, the Foundation may carry out any project
8 within the purposes and authorization of this Act. Such
9 projects shall be carried out on a reimbursable basis, but
10 the total amount expended on such projects in any fiscal
11 year shall not exceed an amount equal to 25 per centum
12 of the amount expended by the Foundation in such year
13 for projects pursuant to this Act from funds appropriated
14 to the Foundation.

15 (c) In the administration of this Act, no department,
16 agency, officer, or employee of the United States shall exer-
17 cise any direction, supervision, or control over the policy
18 determination, personnel, making of loans and grants, or
19 the administration or implementation of any research project
20 funded by the Foundation, except as may be otherwise pro-
21 vided for herein.

22 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH
23 FOREIGN POLICY

24 SEC. 8. (a) In carrying out projects pursuant to this
25 Act the Foundation may support international activities,

1 in the social sciences, consistent with the purposes of this
2 Act, and the national objectives of the United States.

3 (b) No project pursuant to this Act shall be carried
4 out in any foreign country (1) until forty-five days after
5 the government of such country has been given notice of
6 such project, and (2) at any time if such government ob-
7 jects to such project.

8 (c) If, in carrying out the provisions of this Act, any
9 negotiation, other than the notice provided for in subsec-
10 tion (b) of this section, with the government of a foreign
11 country becomes necessary, such negotiations shall be car-
12 ried out by the Secretary of State at the request of the
13 Foundation.

14 LIMITATION ON GRANTS

15 SEC. 9. (a) No individual formerly in the employment
16 of the Federal Government shall be eligible to receive any
17 grant or other assistance pursuant to this Act, or to serve
18 as a trustee of the Foundation, in the two-year period
19 following the termination of such employment.

20 PATENT RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

21 SEC. 10. (a) The results of research supported in whole
22 or in part by the Foundation, shall be made freely available
23 to the public.

24 (b) The Foundation shall not use any security classi-

1 fication nor may any research, or the results thereof, car-
2 ried out pursuant to this Act, be placed under any security
3 classification.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

5 SEC. 11. (a) In addition to any authority vested in
6 it by other provisions of this Act, the Foundation in carry-
7 ing out its functions shall have the authority—

8 (1) to prescribe such regulations as it deems neces-
9 sary governing the manner in which its functions shall
10 be carried out;

11 (2) to receive money and other property donated,
12 bequeathed, or devised, without condition or restric-
13 tion other than that it be used for the purposes of
14 the Foundation; and to use, sell, or otherwise dispose
15 of such property for the purpose of carrying out its
16 functions;

17 (3) In the discretion of the Foundation, to re-
18 ceive (and to use, sell, or otherwise dispose of, in
19 accordance with paragraph (2)), money and other
20 property donated, bequeathed, or devised to the Foun-
21 dation with a condition or restriction, including a con-
22 dition that the Foundation use other funds of the Foun-
23 dation for the purposes of the gift;

1 (4) appoint employees, subject to the civil service
2 laws, as necessary to carry out its functions, define their
3 duties, and supervise and direct their activities;

4 (5) utilize from time to time, as appropriate, ex-
5 perts and consultants, including panels of experts, who
6 may be employed by section 15 of the Administrative
7 Expenses Act of 1946, as amended (5 U.S.C. 55a) ;

8 (6) accept and utilize the services of voluntary and
9 uncompensated personnel and reimburse them for travel
10 expenses, including per diem, as authorized by law (5
11 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons in the government service
12 employed without compensation;

13 (7) rent office space in the District of Columbia;
14 and

15 (8) make other necessary expenditures.

16 (b) The Foundation, in carrying out its function, shall
17 not have the authority—

18 (1) to operate any laboratories or pilot plants of
19 any type;

20 (2) to contract for any research to be accomplished
21 for its own purposes, nor shall it endeavor to do research
22 on its own. It is not intended to be a research organ,
23 but rather a sponsor of research.

1 AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF PUBLIC LAW 480 FUNDS

2 SEC. 12. Section 104 of the Agricultural Trade Develop-
3 ment and Assistance Act of 1954 as amended (7 U.S.C.
4 1704), is amended (1) by striking out the period at the
5 end of subsection (t) and inserting in lieu thereof a semi-
6 colon, and (2) by adding at the end of such section a new
7 subsection as follows:

8 “(u) for supporting projects and providing assis-
9 tance, in such amounts as may be specified in appro-
10 priation Acts, in accordance with the provisions of the
11 National Foundation for the Social Sciences Act of
12 1966”.

13 AUTHORIZATION

14 SEC. 13. (a) For the purpose of carrying out the pro-
15 visions of this Act, there is authorized to be appropriated,
16 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
17 priated, not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year end-
18 ing June 30, 1967, and each succeeding fiscal year plus such
19 amounts as are provided for pursuant to section 12.

20 (b) appropriations made pursuant to the Authority pro-
21 vided in subsection (a) of this section shall remain available
22 until expended.

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